

Proposition 21.—That the old Hebrew patriarchs, including David, the man after God's own heart, instead of being good models for any people to copy, were bad, vicious men who would have been doing penal servitude for life in any civilized country of the present day.

Proposition 22.—That the clergy while preaching self denial to others, especially the working people, are very careful to look for fat livings for themselves.

Proposition 23.—That instead of getting civil and religious liberty by means of the Bible, as some people foolishly maintain, all the persecutions which disgraced Europe for nearly 2,000 years, were based on the Bible.

Proposition 24.—That when a multitude of conflicting testimonies and accounts are given of the same subject, it is possible for all of them to be wrong, but it is impossible for all of them to be right.

Proposition 25.—That ninety-nine different sects based on the Bible will all agree that the hundredth is wrong, and by applying this process to them all separately, the result will be a vote of 99 to 1 that they are all wrong.

Proposition 26.—That the whole story of the atonement by the blood of Jesus is an evolution of the barbarous idea that the gods delighted in sacrifices.

Proposition 27.—That we have yet learnt only a very small part of the operations of nature and the physical laws that govern the world, therefore we should not waste time in investigating the unknowable till we find out all that is to be known about the knowable.

Proposition 28.—That northern and sea coast peoples have always been superior to southern and inland peoples, therefore it is absurd for the civilized and scientific peoples of Europe and America to allow themselves to be enslaved by Semitic superstitions.

Proposition 29.—That instead of man being created in God's image, man has always been making gods after his own imagination.

Proposition 30.—That the division of time into seven days is a purely human invention, and you might as well try to